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1. PRES LOPEZ ANNOUNCED THE COMPOSITION OF HIS CABINET AUG 7/74. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS THE CABINET IS COMPOSED OF SIX LIBERALS, SIX CONSERVATIVES AND ONE, THE MINDEF, APOLITICAL. THE CABINET IS AS FOLLS: A. LIBERALS: (1) MINFORN RELATIONS, INDALECIO LIEVANO AGUIRRE, 57, LONGTIME FRIEND AND CONFIDANT OF LOPEZ. HE HAS BEEN REP AND SEN. ELECTED TO SENATE IN APR 74. SERVED AS ALTERNATE LIBERAL PARTY DIRECTOR DURING 73-74. ECONOMIST, LAWYER, HISTORIAN. MEMBER OF LOPEZ' REVOLUTIONARY LIBERAL MOVEMENT (MRL). HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF US ECONOMIC POLICIES IN THE PAST. HAS BEEN VERY OPEN, ACCESSIBLE AND FRIENDLY WITH EMB OFFICERS. DEPT HAS EXTENSIVE BIO DATA ON LIEVANO.

2. MINFINAN, RODRIGO BOTERO MONTOGA, 40 ECONOMIST. STUDIED AT MIT 52-57 AND GEORGE WASH UNIV IN 66. NAMED BY LOPEZ AFTER APR ELECTIONS TO SERVE AS REP IN THE ECONOMIC TRANSITION BETWEEN THE PASTRANA AND LOPEZ ADMIN. FOUNDER OF FEDESARROLLO, A PRIVATE NON PROFIT ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORG. SERVED AS ECONOMIC SECY TO PRES CARLOS LLERAS 66-70 CONSIDERED TO BE VERY BRIGHT NATIONALIST, SOMEWHAT RESENTED BY FORN BUSINESSMEN, BUT ALSO EXPECTED TO BE ACCESSIBLE. MARRIED TO US CITIZEN LOUISE BELL NICHOLS. DEPT ALSO HAS

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EXTENSIVE BIODATA ON BOTERO.

3. MINLAB, MARIA ELENA DE CROVO 39, WIDOW WITH SIX CHILDREN.

ONLY WOMAN IN LOPEZ CABINET. FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN AND SEN. UNTIL RECENTLY CONSUL IN LONDON. ELECTED IN APR TO ANTIOQUIA ASSEMBLY. A FOUNDING MEMBER OF LOPEZ' MRL. WAS ACCUSED DURING 60'S OF HAVING CONTACT WITH COMMUNISTS AND GUERRILLAS ACTIVE IN COLOMBIA. CONTROVERSIAL, CHAMPION OF SOCIAL LEGISLATION TO BENEFIT LOWER CLASSES. CONSIDERED TO BE IN LEFT WING OF LIBERAL PARTY. ELECTED TO LIBERAL PARTY DIRECTORATE IN JULY 74.

4. MIN OF EDUCATION HERNANDO DURAN DUSSAN, 54 LONGTIME SEN FROM META. BRIEFLY MINFINAN AND MINMINES AND PETROLEUM UNDER PRES GUILLERMO LEON VALENCIA. LIVED IN EXILE IN THE US DURING ROJAS REGIME 53-57. LAWYER. NO EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION BUT HAS REPUTATION AS GOOD MANAGER.

5. MINJUSTICE, ALBERTO SANTOFIMIO BOTERO, 32 PROFESSIONAL POLITICIAN. HEADS LIBERAL PARTY IN TOLIMA. REP SINCE 68. ELECTED IN JULY TO LIBERAL PARTY DIRECTORATE.

6. MINHEALTH, HAROLDO CALVO NUNEZ 55 FROM CARTAGENA. CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE ORG OF THE NEW UNIV HOSPITAL. DOCTOR OF PATHOLOGY, STUDIED AT JOHN HOPKINS AND MAINONIDES HOSPITAL IN NY. RENOUNCED US CITIZENSHIP ON AUG 6/74. MEMBER OF LOPEZ MRL.

B. CONSERVATIVES:

7. MINGOVT, CORNELIO REYES 49, REP AND SEN FROM VALLE SINCE 60. SERVED AS MINAGRICULTURE DURING 62-64 AND MINCOMMUNICATIONS FROM 64 TO 65 UNDER PRES VALENCIA. IV GRANTEE IN MAY 74. SPECIALIST IN LABOR LAW. CONSIDERED CLOSE TO HUMBERTO GONZALEZ NARVAEZ, HEAD OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY. OPEN AND FRIENDLY WITH EMBOFFS.

8. MINECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JORGE RAMIREZ OCAMPO 32 A MODERATE SON OF LATE CONSERVATIVEPARTISAN AND MINISTER AUGUSTO RAMIREZ MORENO. DEGREES IN LETTERS AND MATHEMATICS, MASTERS IN ECONOMICS FROM WILLIAMS COLLEGE, CONSIDERED AN INTELLECTUAL. ALSO STUDIED IN LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING IN CUNDINAMARCA  
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62-63, DIRECTOR GEN OF COLOMBIAN SAVINGS FIRM FOR TWO YEARS, THEN 66-73 SERVED AS COLOMBIAN DEL TO INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORG IN LONDON, RETURNED LAST YEAR AS ASST FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIAN NATIONAL COFFEE FEDERATION. REPUTEDLY IN LINE TO EVENTUALLY BECOME MANAGER OF FEDERATION. AS COMMODITY EXPERT AS BEEN INVOLVED IN BANANA EXPORTERS DEVELOPMENTS. SINCE RETURNING FROM LONDON HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO EMB.

9. MINAGRICULTURE RAFAEL PARDO BUELVAS 46 MANAGER OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COTTON GROWERS SINCE JUNE 66. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A JUDGE, A DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL OFFICES IN THE FARMHIREDIT BUREAU (CAJA DE CREDITO AGRARIO) AND ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF PRIVATE FIRMS AND DECENTRALIZED AGENCIES. RECENTLY COMPLETED TERM AS PRES OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURALISTS SOCIETY, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE BROUGHT MAJOR CANDIDATES IN CAMPAIGN TOGETHER TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURE. HAS LONG BEEN HELPFUL SOURCE FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE.

10. MINPUB WORKS HUMBERTO SALCEDO COLLANTES 47 MAYOR OF BARRANQUILLA SINCE MAY 73. NO PREVIOUS POLIT OFFICE. CIVIL ENGINEER AND ARCHITECT. REPUTATION OF FIRMNESS AND HONESTY. FOLLOWER OF SEN ROBERTO GERLEIN ECHEVERRIA LONG TIME POLIT POWER IN DEPT OF ATLANTICO.

11. MINCOMMO, JAIME GARCIA PARRA 42 MASTERS IN ECONOMICS AND PUB ADMIN FROM SYRACUSE AND MASTERS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. STUDIED IN LONDON 10 YEARS. PRES OF CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS COLOMBIANOS, A CONSERVATIVE PARTY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP. MEMBER OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY DIRECTORATE.

12. MINMINES AND ENERGY, EDUARDO DEL HIERRO SANTA CRUZ 40 BS IN CHEMICAL ENG, 56 ALSO INSTRUCTOR AND RECEIVED PHD 57-61 ALL AT MIT WHERE HE WAS CLASSMATE OF NEW FINMIN. SON OF FORMER MINMINES WHO WAS RESPECTED BY MINING COMMUNITY. PROFESSOR AND TECH ADVISOR IN COLOMBIA SINCE 61. MEMBER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (IFI) 67-70. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR TO PRES CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO. MARRIED TO US CITIZEN.

13. MINDEF, GEN ABRAHAM VARON VALENCIA 54 GRAD OF US ARMY COMMAND AND GEN STAFF COLLEGE FT LEAVENWORTH KANSAS 59. COMDR OF MIL FORCES SINCE AUG 70. CONSIDERED FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE US. DEPT CONFIDENTIAL

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